ELIMINATION OF ISSUES/PROGRAMS LISTS AND FILINGS

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I respectfully urge the Federal Communications Commission to consider the elimination of the Quarterly Issues and Programs filing requirement for broadcast licensees. This obligation, while once a cornerstone of demonstrating public service, has become an outdated and unnecessary burden in today's media environment.

The original intent of the Issues and Programs lists—to ensure stations were addressing matters of local concern—has been overtaken by the reality of modern broadcasting. In the current era, broadcasters engage with their communities continuously through digital platforms, on-air content, live events, and real-time interactions. These avenues provide a far more transparent and accessible demonstration of public service than a quarterly filing ever could.

Moreover, the filing serves little practical benefit beyond functioning as a compliance trap during license renewal. It is rarely, if ever, reviewed by the general public, and its value in evaluating actual community service is highly questionable. The requirement consumes staff time and resources that could be better spent producing local news, covering community events, and developing programming that truly serves listeners.

Today's broadcasters are held accountable by their audiences more directly and immediately than ever before. Listener feedback is instant and public. Community partnerships are visible and measurable. The service we provide is tangible—documented not in binders, but in the real-world impact we have every day.

As the Commission continues its efforts to modernize outdated rules, eliminating this filing would represent a common-sense step forward. It would reduce unnecessary regulatory burden while aligning policy with the way broadcasters actually operate and serve the public in the digital age.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.